

# Weekly Volunteer Update

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."*  
~ Oscar Wilde

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**Best Buddies Conference Volunteer** The 19th Annual Best Buddies International Leadership Conference July 18-21 at Indiana University will welcome over 1,500 high school and college students with and without intellectual disabilities from around the world. These four days of learning, leadership development and fun create a solid foundation for every Best Buddies chapter around the world. Approximately 100 volunteers are needed to partner with the Best Buddies staff to create a truly remarkable and inclusive learning experience for all of the attendees. Various volunteer shifts and responsibilities will be available and include student registration, working the merchandise store and serving as a local guide for guest speakers. No minimum age. For more information contact: Bridget Young at 317-920-8623 or [bridgetyoung@bestbuddies.org](mailto:bridgetyoung@bestbuddies.org) ([www.bestbuddiesindiana.org](http://www.bestbuddiesindiana.org)).

**Brown County Playhouse Ushers** See a great show for free and be a part of the magic of the theatre as a volunteer usher at the Brown County Playhouse! A tradition since 1949, the Playhouse is the longest-running professional theatre in Indiana. Ushers are needed for the summer, Wednesdays-Saturdays from 7-10:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2-5:30 p.m. No experience is necessary and all training is done at the theatre the night you usher. Transportation from Bloomington may be available. Dress code is dressy casual (no flip-flops or cut offs please). Minimum age of 15 or as young as 13 if accompanied by a parent. For more information contact: Trish Hausmann at 856-3844 or [pjhausma@indiana.edu](mailto:pjhausma@indiana.edu) (<http://theatre.indiana.edu/bcplay.html>).

**Academic & Career Mentors** The Chamber of Commerce Franklin Initiative and other area partners invite you to participate in this rewarding volunteer opportunity! Academic and career mentors for 9th grade students enrolled in MCCSC's Early College High School are needed to meet monthly over lunch to converse about school and job goals. Mentors check on a student's progress, explore options, share insights and celebrate their successes. Mentors must commit to attending all nine monthly mentoring sessions (1 hour each) throughout the school year and attend one of the scheduled orientations from 6-8 p.m. on Aug. 4 at Bloomington High School North or Aug. 7 at Bloomington High School South. Minimum age is 18. To register online go to <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuspa/FORMS/collegementor.html>. For more information contact: Joe Lovejoy at [jflovejo@indiana.edu](mailto:jflovejo@indiana.edu) ([www.ChamberBloomington.org](http://www.ChamberBloomington.org)).

**New Radio Volunteer Training** Have you ever wanted your own radio show? Or wondered how all that stuff gets on the air? WFHB Community Radio (91.3 & 98.1) is a volunteer-powered independent radio station that lets its listeners become the media – creating music and information programs for broadcast in South Central Indiana. Find out more about how to get involved as a volunteer at the monthly WFHB new volunteer orientation session on the first Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. at the station's Bloomington base, the historic old Firehouse at 108 West 4th Street, behind the John Waldron Art Center. Minimum age varies. For more information contact: 323-1200 or [volunteer@wfhb.org](mailto:volunteer@wfhb.org) ([www.wfhb.org](http://www.wfhb.org)).

**Writers, Editors & Designers** Cultureweek is a local magazine committed to presenting Bloomington readers with creative, meaningful and significant content about local arts and culture in the Bloomington community. Individuals interested in contributing to this publication as volunteer writers, editors or designers are now being sought. All opportunities offer flexible time commitments. Minimum age is 18. For more information contact: Dawn K. Shanks at 757-653-6930 or [editor@cultureweek.com](mailto:editor@cultureweek.com) ([www.cultureweek.com](http://www.cultureweek.com)).

**Fourth of July Festivities** Everybody loves a PARADE! This year's Fourth of July parade is "Celebrating 100 Years" in conjunction with the Courthouse. The parade and festivities are brought to the community by the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department and Downtown Bloomington, Inc. and is sponsored by the American Legion Burton Woolery Post 18. Join in this fun-filled day that celebrates our community and our country. Volunteers are needed to help organize bands, floats and clowns at the assembly point in front of the Showers Plaza at 8th and Morton Streets from 7 a.m.-noon. Minimum age is 18. Contact Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

## Community Wish List – Grant a wish for this community organization!

**La Leche League of Bloomington** Trained volunteer leaders provide education, information, support and encouragement to all women who want to breastfeed. Assistance provided via telephone, home visits and mother-to-mother support at monthly meetings. To grant a wish for this organization contact Mary Ann Martin at 334-8494 or [mamartin@kiva.net](mailto:mamartin@kiva.net) ([www.llusa.org/web/BloomingtonIN.html](http://www.llusa.org/web/BloomingtonIN.html))

**Wishes:** books for lending library (call for desired titles), business envelopes, first-class postage, gift cards for photo copying

*The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

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